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OF CHINA



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UNDER AUSPICES OF

## ASSOCIATED CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE OF THE PACIFIC COAST

San Francisco Chamber of Commerce
Oakland Chamber of Commerce and Commercial Club, Inc.
Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce
Chamber of Commerce of San Diego County
Spokane Chamber of Commerce
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#### INVITATION

## To the United Chambers of Commerce of China.

THE ASSOCIATED CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE OF THE PACIFIC COAST

At a meeting held today, decided unanimously to extend a cordial invitation to your Honorable Body to send a delegation of fifty to the United States, to arrive in San Francisco on or about March 29th, 1912.

It affords us great pleasure to notify you of this action and to say that it will gratify the business men of this country to be able to extend our hospitality, always remembering the kindness and courtesy conferred by you upon our delegation that visited China in 1910.

We are aware that much good will come from the proposed visit of your representative delegation, for China and the United States have ties of friendship and great interests which both countries desire to promote. Our delegation gained much information in China and the knowledge then acquired cannot but prove beneficial to your country.

We assure you that your delegation will see much of the United States, and it will be our purpose to arrange the itinerary in all its details so that each and all of our industries shall open their doors freely and gladly. Our men of affairs and business will, to the fullest extent of their ability, strive to make the time you spend in this country both pleasant and profitable.

## The Associated Chambers of Commerce of the Pacific Coast

C. W. BURKS, Secretary.

H. M. HALLER, President.

San Francisco, Oct. 3rd, 1911.

### To the Associated Chambers of Commerce of the Pacific Coast of the United States of America.

THE UNITED CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE OF CHINA

At a meeting held on the 24th February, 1912, unanimously decided to thank the Associated Chambers of Commerce of the Pacific Coast for the courteous and generous invitation extended to them to send a delegation of fifty members to visit the cities represented by the Associated Chambers. The United Chambers after the most careful consideration unanimously decided to accept the invitation but regretted that on account of the present situation in China it would be impossible to pay their visit to the United States on the date suggested by the Associated Chambers, and therefore respectfully ask that the question of the date may be held over for the present.

It affords us the greatest pleasure to convey to you the acceptance by the United Chambers of your very highly appreciated invitation, and it is with sincere regret that we ask you to let the

matter of date stand over for the present.

Arising out of the political changes of the past few months there are grave financial and commercial questions of a national character to be considered and many of those who would otherwise participate in the visit which you have so kindly proposed will be engaged for some little time in the settlement of these issues. Without the presence of these gentlmen the delegation would not be thoroughly representative in character, and would be unworthy of your invitation and of the distinguished delegation which the Associated Chambers sent to visit our country in September, 1910.

We assure you of our very high appreciation of the fraternal invitation of your Associated Chambers, and look forward with the very highest anticipations to a visit to your country, under

your kindly auspices, at a not remote date.

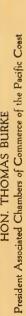
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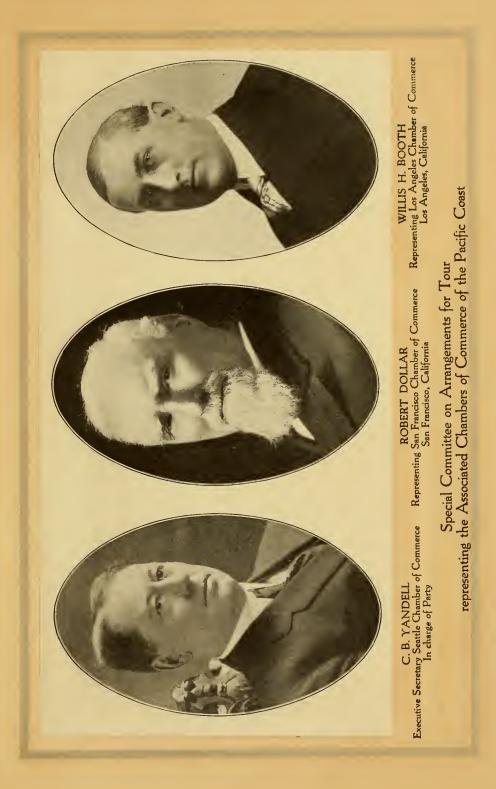
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CHU LI CHI, Secretary.





Chairman Honorary Commercial Commission of China HON. THOMAS BURKE





Chinese Commission leaving White House, Washington, D. C., after reception by the President



Left to right—Sitting: Sheng Chen, Chi-Cheh Nieh, Vice-President of Commission, Cheng-Hsun Chang, President of Commission, Sing-Ming Kung, Lim-Pak Chan. Standing: Chai-Chang Woo, Yen-Pei Huang, Li-Chi Chu, Huang-Yi Liang, Kuan-Lan Sun, Hsieh Yu, S. C. Thomas Sze, Chao-Hsin Pian, David Z. T. Yui, Honorary Secretary of Commission.

#### **PERSONNEL**

#### Cheng-Hsun Chang President of the Commission

Merchant having branches in Straits Settlement, Sumatra and Java. Member of National Council, Peking. Proprietor of large winery at Chefoo.

### Chi-Cheh Nieh Vice-President of the Commission

Representative, Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, Shanghai. Proprietor, Heng Foong Cotton Manufacturing Co., Shanghai. Director, Cotton Mill-Owners' Association, Shanghai.

## David Z. T. Yui Honorary Secretary of the Commission

Executive Secretary, Lecture Department of the National Committee of the Y. M. C. A. of China.

#### Lim-Pak-Chan

Silk Merchant and Proprietor Cheong Chan Exporting Raw Silk Company. President, Marine and Fire Insurance Company of China, Limited, Canton.

#### Sheng Chen

Manufacturer of Lacquer and Cloisonne, Peking. Proprletor, Te Yuan Heng Lacquer Ware Company and Te Chang Cloisonne Ware Factory, Peking.

#### Li-Chi Chu

Secretary, Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, and Shanghai Nanking Rallway, Shanghai.

#### Yen-Pei Huang

Vice-President, the Educational Association of Kiangsu Province, Shanghai. Ex-Commissioner of Education.

#### Sing-Ming Kung

Director, Fou Feng Flour Mill, and Hul Chang Machine Manufacturing Company, Shanghai.

#### Huan-Yi Liang

President, Sue Kow Shan Government Lead Mine, Hunan; also Wah Chang Mining and Smelting Company, Changsha, Huan.

#### PERSONNEL (Continued)

#### Chao-Hsin Pian

Cotton Merchant. Commercial Agent in Europe and America representing Lung Chu and Lung Shun Piece Goods Dealers, Tientsin.

#### Kuan-Lan Sun

Manager, Tung Hal Agricultural Company. Advisory Officer, Nantung Agricultural Society and Educational Association.

#### S. C. Thomas Sze

Coal Merchant and Assistant General Manager, Kailan Mining Administration, Tientsin. Former Locomotive Superintendent, Tientsin-Pukow and Peking-Mukden Railways.

#### Chai-Chang Woo

Senior Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Commerce, Peking.

#### Hsieh Yu

Tea Merchant and Director, Huichow Tea Trade Union. Former Manager, Yuen Sheng Lung and Yung Fung Chang Tea Companies, Shanghai.

#### Ying-Mlng Chang

Personal Secretary to Mr. Cheng-Hsun Chang, Chairman of the Commission.

#### E. T. Williams

Chief of Far Eastern Affairs, Department of State, U. S. A.

#### E. E. Porter

Representative, Department of Commerce, U.S.A.

#### Warren Manley

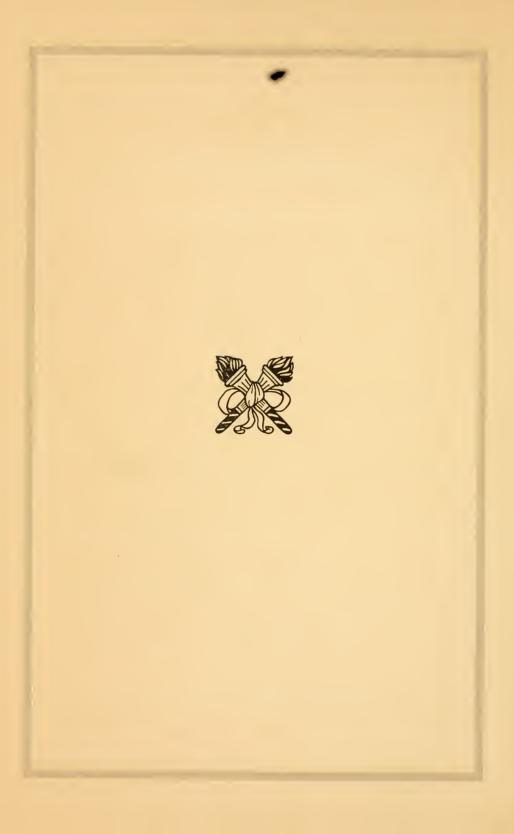
Special Representative, The National Chamber of Commerce, Washington, D. C.

#### J. B. Densmore

Acting Secretary of Labor, U.S. A.

#### C. B. Yandeli

Executive Secretary, Seattle Chamber of Commerce. In charge of party as Representative of Associated Chambers of Commerce.





## HISTORY OF TOUR

The Honorary Commercial Commissioners of China arrived at San Francisco on the Pacific Mail liner "Manchuria" at 5:10 o'clock the afternoon of May 3. A committee of representatives of the National. State and City Government boarded the steamer at quarantine and were received on the promenade deck by President Cheng-Hsun Chang of the Commission. J. O. Davis, Collector of the Port, extended a welcome to the Commissioners on behalf of President Wilson; President W. N. Moore and Vice-Presidents Frederick J. Koster and Robert Newton Lynch of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce; Hon. Chester Rowell on behalf of Governor Johnson, and Mayor James Rolph on behalf of the City of San Francisco. When the liner docked Judge Thomas Burke, President of the Associated Chambers of Commerce of the Pacific Coast, under whose auspices the tour was made, and C. B. Yandell, executive secretary of the Seattle Chamber of Commerce, and chairman of the Committee on Arrangements for the Associated Chambers, boarded the steamer and took charge of the visitors, who were presented to a reception committee consisting of Edward T. Williams, head of the Bureau of Far Eastern Affairs, Department of State; E. C. Porter, representative of the Department of Commerce; Commissioner-General Anthony Caminetti, Department of Labor; Commissioner Samuel W. Backus, Bureau of Immigration.

Escorted by the committee the Commissioners were placed in waiting automobiles and taken to Hotel St. Francis, their head-quarters while in San Francisco. On the morning of May 4th, the Commissioners were presented with official badges by the Associated Chambers of Commerce and given in charge of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, whose guests they were while in the city. The morning was spent in an automobile drive along the water front, inspection of the principal docks and warehouses, and in an official visit to the Exposition, where the Commissioners were guests of the Exposition officials at a luncheon in the Administration building. Following a short tour of the grounds, the visitors attended a reception in their honor given by S. C. Shu, Consul-General of the Republic of China, at the Palace Hotel. In the evening, as guests of the Chamber of Commerce,

they attended a box party at the Orpheum, many of the Commissioners seeing for the first time an American theatrical performance.

Until noon the morning of May 5th, the Commissioners were guests of Collector of the Port Davis. They were taken for a boat trip on the bay, visited the Union Iron Works, Hunter's Point, and witnessed an exhibition drill by the municipal fire boats. Luncheon was tendered the visitors at Winehaven, where they were the guests of the California Wine Association. In the afternoon the Commissioners inspected the Richmond industries as the guests of the Richmond Industrial Commission, and later crossed the bay, attending a reception as guests of the California Development Board, and in the evening a dinner by the Chinese Chamber of Commerce.

On the morning of May 6th, the Commissioners were the guests of the local Chinese at the Exposition and of the Honorable Chen Chi, Commissioner-General of the Exposition, in the Chinese Exhibit, at a luncheon in the Food Products Building.

The Chinese Six Companies were hosts to the Commissioners in the afternoon at a reception, and in the evening a grand ball and reception was given in their honor by the Honorable Chen Chi and members of the Chinese Commission to the Exposition. On the morning of May 7th, the Commissioners met the business men of San Francisco at a reception on the floor of the Merchants' Exchange Building, and at a luncheon at the Commercial Club. In the evening the visitors attended a formal banquet in their honor at the Fairmont Hotel as guests of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce. The party left the morning of May 8th for an automobile tour down the peninsula, visiting the plants of the Western Meat Company and the Pacific Coast Steel Company. At noon the Commissioners dined as guests of the Chamber of Commerce at the Burlingame Country Club, and in the afternoon visited the home of United States Senator James D. Phelan at Saratoga. The last day of the visit to this city, May 9th, was spent by the Commissioners at

#### OAKLAND

As guests of the Oakland Chamber of Commerce and Commercial Club Consolidated. Upon arrival in this city, the distinguished visitors were met by a reception committee and given an automobile tour of Oakland and Piedmont. The Commissioners inspected the new Municipal Auditorium and dined as guests of the Chamber of Commerce at Hotel Oakland. The afternoon was spent in an automobile tour of Berkeley and in a visit to the Greek Theater and the University of California, to which they were officially welcomed by President Benjamin Ide Wheeler and other members of the faculty. Returning to

#### SAN FRANCISCO

At 6:00 o'clock, the Commissioners went to their hotel and at 6:45 P. M. to the "Chinese Special," the luxurious Southern Pacific train used throughout the tour. Judge Thomas Burke, President of the Associated Chambers of Commerce, bade the Commissioners farewell and a safe journey, and, cheered by the large delegation of San Francisco business men, the special train in charge of C. B. Yandell, executive secretary of the Seattle Chamber of Commerce, moved to

#### LOS ANGELES

On arriving here at 9:00 o'clock the morning of May 10th, the special train was met by a committee headed by Secretary Frank Wiggins of the Chamber of Commerce. The Commissioners were escorted by automobile to the Pacific Electric Station, where special cars carried them to the Los Angeles harbor. Here the docks, breakwater and other improvements were inspected. From the harbor the Commissioners went direct to Pasadena, where they were the guests of the Pasadena Board of Trade at a luncheon at Hotel Maryland. Returning to the city, the party, in automobiles, toured the park and residential districts and in the evening were the guests of the Chamber of Commerce at a formal banquet at Hotel Alexandria, their headquarters while in the city. Early the following morning, May 11th, the Commissioners boarded automobiles at the hotel and were taken to Riverside, where they were tendered luncheon at the Glenwood Inn as guests of the Riverside Chamber of Commerce. At this point the party was met by President Carl H. Heilbron of the San Diego Chamber of Commerce, and George Burnham, a member of the Pacific Coast Commercial Commission visiting China in 1911, who accompanied the party to

#### SAN DIEGO

Before reaching the station, President Heilbron presented each member of the party with a beautifully engraved gold badge bearing the name of the wearer. At the station a large delegation representing the Chamber of Commerce met the special and escorted the Commissioners to the Exposition grounds, where a bird's-eye view of the Fair was obtained. Dinner was served at Cafe Cristobal in the Exposition grounds, and the evening spent in visiting the San Joaquin Building, Seven Counties' Building, and the Isthmus, where the Commissioners visited the principal attractions. The party returned at a late hour to the U. S. Grant Hotel. Visits to the Municipal Pier, North Island, United States Aviation Camp, where exhibition flights were made for the entertainment of the distinguished visitors, and to the San Diego Union High School and Stadium occupied the morning of May 12th. Luncheon was enjoyed at the Hotel Del Coronado, after

which the party made an automobile trip around Point Loma. Returning to San Diego, the Commissioners completed their inspection of the Exposition and in the evening were the guests of honor at a formal banquet at the U. S. Grant Hotel. The party entrained at 10:00 o'clock P. M. for New Orleans. En route to this city the Commissioners experienced a pleasant surprise at

#### YUMA

Reached by the special train at 9:00 A. M. the morning of May 13th. The Yuma Band and a large delegation cheered the arrival of the special train, and the Commissioners were presented to the members of a special reception committee, which boarded the observation car as representatives of the Yuma Commercial Club. Honorary Secretary David Z. T. Yui of the Commission responded to the hearty welcome, and the special departed amid cheers, while the band played "America." Arriving at

#### **TUCSON**

At 4:00 o'clock the afternoon of the same day, a second unexpected surprise awaited the Commissioners in a hearty reception by a special committee headed by President L. H. Manning of the Tucson Chamber of Commerce. The committee boarded the train and were presented by Mr. Yandell to the Commissioners. Packages of postcard scenes in and around Tucson, and literature descriptive of the resources of the city, were presented each Commissioner as the special started on the last leg of its journey to

#### NEW ORLEANS

Which was reached at 10:00 o'clock the morning of May 15th. Headed by Acting Mayor A. G. Ricks, a reception committee representing the Association of Commerce, Board of Trade and Cotton Exchange, boarded the special and welcomed the Commissioners to the city. Waiting automobiles took the party to the St. Charles Hotel and later to the Cafe de la Louisiana, where the Commissioners enjoyed their first Southern luncheon. Governor L. E. Hall here officially welcomed the Commissioners to Louisiana and to the South, presiding as toastmaster at the luncheon. Acting Mayor Ricks extended the official welcome of the city, to which responses were made by President Chang and Honorary Secretary David Z. T. Yui. Following luncheon the party, as guests of the New Orleans Board of Port Commissioners, was escorted aboard the launch "Sampson" and given a trip around the harbor. Returning, a tour of the city was made by automobile, and in the evening the Commissioners were the guests of the City of New Orleans at a dinner at the Southern Yacht Club. The day's program ended in an exhibition by the fire department. Sunday, May 16th, the Commissioners were the guests of the Chinese Society at a luncheon, and spent the remainder of the day in recuperation, leaving at 10:00 o'clock P. M. for

#### **MEMPHIS**

This city was reached by the special train at 9:00 o'clock A. M., May 17th. Welcomed by a committee representing the Memphis Business Men's Club, the party immediately boarded a special train for an inspection of the industrial district. Visits were paid to the Memphis Terminal Corporation, Phoenix Cotton Oil Company, Chickasaw Cooperage Company, James E. Stark's Lumber Company, and to the plant of Russe & Burgess. Luncheon was served at the Memphis Country Club, after which the visitors were given a tour of the city by automobile. At 11:00 o'clock the same evening the special moved to

#### ST. LOUIS

Where the Commissioners were received by a committee headed by Mayor Kiel and representing the Business Men's League of St. Louis, whose guests the Commissioners were while in this city. In automobiles decorated with the flags of China and the United States, the visitors were escorted to the Planters' Hotel, where breakfast was served. After a brief rest the party again took automobiles for a visit to the Anheuser-Busch Brewery, where luncheon was served. The afternoon was devoted to the inspection of various industrial plants and in an automobile tour of this The day's program ended in a dinner at the Sunset Hill Country Club, where the Commissioners were the guests of honor of the Business Men's League. May 19th, the second day of the visit to this city, the Commissioners met the business men at a luncheon at the Planters' Hotel and spent the afternoon in visits to industrial plants, according to the individual business interests of the members. In the evening a farewell banquet was tendered the visitors by President Hidden of the Business Men's League at the St. Louis Club, after which the party was escorted to their special train, departing at 11:50 P. M. for

#### **CHICAGO**

Arriving at 8:00 o'clock the morning of May 20th. As the train drew into the Union Station, a large delegation representing the Chicago Association of Commerce, Chicago Clearing House Association, Illinois Bankers' Association, Chicago Board of Trade, Illinois Manufacturers' Association, and the Press Club, boarded the train and, after extending a hearty welcome, presented each Commissioner with an official badge bearing his name. Automobiles took the Commissioners to the Sherman House, where breakfast was served. The morning was spent in recuperation and, following luncheon, the party was escorted to the plant of the Western Electric Company, and to the Sawyer Biscuit Company. In the evening the visitors were banqueted by the Chinese Club.

The following morning the Commissioners inspected the Chicago Stockyards and lunched at the Saddle and Sirloin Club. In the afternoon an automobile tour of the West and North Side parks was enjoyed, and the Commissioners made a formal call upon Hon. William J. Calhoun, former American Minister to China. In the evening the Commissioners were tendered a formal banquet at the Blackstone Hotel. May 22d was spent at Kenosha, Wisconsin, where the Commissioners inspected the plant of the leffery Automobile Company. Luncheon was served in the porch dining room of the Pennoyer Sanatorium, after which a tour of the city was made by automobile, the party returning for dinner to Chicago by special train. May 23d the party had as its host the Young Men's Christian Association of Chicago. They attended public worship, lunched at the University Club, inspected the Association building, and were taken for an automobile ride about the city, visiting the South Side parks and the Field Museum. Returning to the hotel, the Commissioners had dinner and were escorted to their special train, leaving at 8:05 P. M. for

#### **PITTSBURG**

Where the Commissioners were the guests of the Chamber of Commerce and the Foreign Trade Commission. This city was reached at 9:10 A. M. the morning of May 24th, the Commissioners being received by a special committee and escorted to the Fort Pitt Hotel. The morning was spent in inspections of the steel works at Homestead and the plant of the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company in East Pittsburg. Luncheon was served at the latter plant, after which the party returned to the hotel. Shortly after 9:00 o'clock the morning of the second day's visit, May 25th, the party boarded a special train for Jeannette, Pa., where the plant of the American Window Glass Company was inspected. The special train provided by the committee then moved to East Liberty, luncheon being served en route. Here an automobile tour of the parks and residental section was made, the party returning to the hotel for a formal banquet in the evening. From this city the special train moved to

#### WASHINGTON

Arriving at the Capitol, the visitors were received by a reception committee representing the State Department, Chamber of Commerce of the United States and the Washington Board of Trade, and escorted to the New Willard Hotel. Breakfast was served upon arrival, and the Commissioners later escorted to the Capitol building, where formal calls were made upon the Secretary of State, Secretary of Commerce and Secretary of Labor, who in turn left cards on the Commissioners at the hotel. At 12:30 o'clock the visitors were escorted to the East Room by Chai Fu Chah, Chinese Minister to Washington, and formally

presented to President Woodrow Wilson, who welcomed the Commissioners officially in the following words:

"It is not a mere form that I go through in expressing to you our very cordial welcome to the United States. I think that I can say, with the acquiescence of all my fellow countrymen, that our interest in China is not merely a commercial interest, and is not merely a professional interest. The people of the United States are deeply and sympathetically interested in China and in the unlimited future that lies before your great Republic. have, of course, rejoiced to see you adopt a form of government which seems to us the best vehicle of progress, the Republican form of government; and it has been a great satisfaction to us to feel that your great nation, with its unlimited capacity and possibilities, is to be linked to ours in what we hope will be a common conception of liberty and the progress of mankind. I hope, sincerely, that everything has been done for your comfort and convenience, and if anything has been overlooked or omitted, that you will give us the advantage of any suggestion, so that we may put ourselves at your service. My welcome is hearty, and I am sure that every true American would wish to co-operate with me in this welcome.'

Honorary Secretary Yui of the Commission responded to the generous welcome of the nation's Chief Executive on behalf of President Chang and the Commissioners. At luncheon the visitors were the guests of Secretary of Commerce Redfield at the New Willard Hotel, and in the afternoon they were entertained by Secretary of State Bryan and Mrs. Bryan at a garden party at their private residence. Visits to the Capitol, Library and Navy Yard occupied the morning of May 27th. The Commissioners were tendered a luncheon by the Board of Trade at the Commercial Club, and later in the afternoon inspected the Bureau of Printing and Engraving. Dinner was tendered the visitors by the Chinese Association, after which the Commissioners were the guests of the Chinese Minister and Madame Shah. The following day, May 28th, the Commissioners were the guests of President Wilson aboard his private yacht, the "Mayflower," a courtesy extended but once before by the President to a visiting delegation. Leaving the dock at 9:00 o'clock, the "Mayflower" proceeded to Mount Vernon. As it came to anchor, the stately yacht and its distinguished occupants were saluted by the shore guns. Accompanied by the Chinese Minister and practically the entire staff of the Chinese Legation, as well as a special committee from the commercial organizations, the party went ashore for a visit to the home of George Washington. Upon reaching the tomb of the founder of the world's greatest Republic, the Commissioners reverently bowed their heads while Honorary Secretary Yui placed upon the tomb a large floral wreath—the tribute of the

new Republic of China to the founder of its sister Republic. The visitors were then escorted through the stately mansion and, by special permission, were permitted to enter the room where Washington died. Luncheon was served upon the return trip, and upon arrival the visitors were escorted to the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, where the headquarters of the national organization were inspected. In the evening a farewell banquet was tendered the Commissioners by the Southern Commercial Congress at the University Club. The visitors left Washington at 11:59 P. M. for

#### **BALTIMORE**

Where they were welcomed by a representative committee of business men headed by Mayor Preston, and escorted to the Hotel Emerson for breakfast. Following breakfast, an informal reception was held at the hotel, at which Mayor Preston officially welcomed the visitors to the city. The morning was spent in an automobile tour of the city and suburbs, and luncheon was enjoyed as guests of the Merchants' Club at the club headquarters. At the conclusion of luncheon automobiles took the Commissioners to Pier 5, where they boarded the steamer "Dreamland" as guests of the Baltimore Chapter, American Institute of Banking, on their annual excursion to Annapolis. At the quaint old town several hours were spent visiting the battleships lying out from the town and the Naval Academy. Mayor Henry and a party of officials of Baltimore boarded the steamer at Fort McHenry. Dinner was served aboard the steamer on the return trip. Arriving in Baltimore, the visitors were escorted to their hotel, and later to the station from which the special train moved at 11:59 P. M. to

#### PHILADELPHIA

Arriving on schedule, the special train was met by a committee representing the Manufacturers' Club, and the party was escorted in automobiles to Hotel Bellevue-Stratford, where rooms and breakfast awaited them. At 10:00 o'clock the party was escorted to the quarters of the club, where they were officially welcomed by Mayor Blankenburg at an informal reception. In the afternoon an automobile ride through Fairmont Park to the University of Pennsylvania, where the guests were welcomed by Provost Smith and a committee of Chinese students. A buffet luncheon was served the Commissioners and their American escorts in the Auditorium. The morning of May 31 was spent in the inspection of the Commercial Museum, where the party was tendered luncheon and officially welcomed by Dr. William P. Wilson, director of the institution. The Navy Yard was visited in the afternoon and in the evening the party was tendered a formal banquet at the Manufacturers' Club, leaving at midnight for

#### **NEW YORK**

In this city the Commissioners and their American escorts were the official guests of the City of New York. Arriving at 8:00 o'clock the morning of June 1st, the party was welcomed to the city by a special committee appointed by Mayor John P. Mitchell and headed by William C. Breed. In automobiles and with a police escort, the party was escorted to Hotel Belmont. where a reception was held. At 11:00 o'clock the Commissioners visited the City Hall, posed for their pictures on the steps. and were officially welcomed to the city by Acting Mayor George McAneny. A trip to the tower of the Woolworth Building, from which a bird's-eye view of the city and harbor was obtained, and luncheon at Hotel Biltmore as guests of the American Manufacturers' Export Association, ended the program for the day. The afternoon was left open in order that the Commissioners could confer with business men and visit the industrial plants they desired to see. Throughout the visit the same program was carried out, a part of each day being left open for business engagements and inspection of industrial plants.

June 2d the Commissioners and their American escorts were the guests of the Merchants' Association of New York at Hotel Astor. Attending this banquet were 1070 representative business men of New York, including many leaders of finance and Fully three hundred more sat in balconies, that they might hear the addresses made by the Chinese visitors. In the afternoon a tour of the city was made by automobile, and a visit paid to the tomb of Grant. Here, while the Commissioners bowed their heads in reverence, a floral tribute was placed on the casket. June 3d, outside of business conferences and visits to industrial plants, the program included a reception and luncheon at the Chamber of Commerce Building and a banquet at Delmonico's in the evening, tendered by the American Asiatic Association. The morning of June 4th was spent in a water trip around New York harbor, including luncheon on the steamer and inspection of the Bush Terminal Plant. The party, on this trip, was escorted by a police motor boat patrol. Before returning to the city the visitors witnessed an exhibition by the municipal fire The evening of this day was devoted to pleasure, the party attending the performance of "Chin-Chin," and visiting the New York Roof Garden.

As guests of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, the morning of June 5th, the Commissioners were afforded the privilege of talking by telephone to San Francisco. The visitors talked with officials of the company and also with Consul-General Shu at the Exposition grounds. Electrically brewed tea and food was served by the company. At noon the visitors were tendered a luncheon at the University Club by the Foreign Mis-

sions Conference of North America, and in the afternoon the Commissioners witnessed their first game of baseball, attending the game between the Tigers and Yankees at the Polo Grounds as guests of the New York American League Baseball Association. June 6th was devoted to recuperation, although many of the Commissioners made use of the taxicabs which were at the disposal of the visitors day and night during their visit to commercial houses and other points of interest. In the evening, the Commissioners were tendered a dinner by Huan Ting Liang, New York agent of the Wah Chang Mining and Smelting Company, at the Jung Sy restaurant. Monday, June 7th, the Commissioners returned for a day's visit to

#### **PHILADELPHIA**

New York having generously conceded one of the days allotted to it in the itinerary, that Philadelphia might have an opportunity of showing the Commissioners its manufacturing plants, the two days spent there by the Commission being a Sunday and a holiday. The observation car of the special train was attached to the regular train on this trip. Arriving at Philadelphia, the visitors were placed in automobiles and given an opportunity of inspecting the Baldwin Locomotive Works, the silk mills and the textile district. The store of John Wanamaker was inspected in the afternoon, the Commissioners being received by Mr. Wanamaker in person and being presented with souvenir spoons. Dinner was served at Hotel Bellevue-Stratford, the party leaving at 6:00 o'clock for

#### NEW YORK

Tuesday, June 8th, the last day of the Commissioners' visit to New York, was spent as guests of Thomas A. Edison at Llewellyn Park, West Orange, New Jersey. The visitors were received at the plant by Mr. Edison in person, and welcomed by him in a brief address, to which Mr. Yui, honorary secretary of the Commission, responded. In order to preserve a permanent record of the visit of the Commission, Mr. Edison had Mr. Yui repeat his response to a recording instrument. Officials of the company escorted the Commissioners through the factory, and the party lunched with Mr. Edison in the dining room of the plant. Talking pictures were also enjoyed by the Commissioners, who returned to New York for dinner. At 11:00 o'clock P. M. the Commissioners were escorted to their train. As the special left the station, three loud cheers for New York were given by the party grouped on the rear of the observation car. next stop made by the special train was at

#### **PROVIDENCE**

Where a committee headed by William A. Viall and representing the Providence Chamber of Commerce, welcomed the party.

In gaily decorated automobiles the Commissioners and their escorts were taken to the restaurant of Chin Lee, where a fifteencourse Chinese breakfast was served. Following this, the party went to the Turk's Head Building, from which a bird's-eye view of the city was obtained. The Turk's Head clubrooms were inspected and the party escorted to the headquarters of the Chamber of Commerce. Here the Commissioners were divided into groups and taken to the factories in which they were interested. At noon luncheon was served at the Narraganssett Hotel, where the Commissioners met the Providence business men. In the afternoon, visits were paid to the Gorham Silver Company, the Universal Winding Company, and the Brown University. Dinner was tendered the visitors at the Squantum Club, reached by special yacht. The return trip was made by special train. From this city the special train traveled to

#### **BOSTON**

Which was reached shortly before 11:00 o'clock the same evening, several hours ahead of schedule. A committee headed by Edward J. Feline, representing the Boston Chamber of Commerce, greeted the party and escorted the Commissioners to the Copley-Plaza Hotel, their headquarters while in the city. Leaving the hotel at 9:30 A. M. the next morning, June 10th, the Commissioners were taken to the Waltham Watch Factory, and at noon were officially welcomed in the Executive Chamber of the State House by Governor David I. Walsh. Luncheon was tendered the party by the Boston City Club, after which the Commissioners were received at the City Hall by Mayor James N. Curley. As guests of the Chamber of Commerce the party took dinner at the Harvard Club and at 9:00 o'clock attended a reception at the Harvard Union by the Chinese students of Harvard University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

June 11th, the second day of the visit to this city, the Commissioners went to Lawrence by automobile, visiting the Wood Worsted Mill. the Pacific Print Works, and lunching as guests of William N. Wood at "Arden." The return trip to Boston was made by special train from Andover. In the evening the party attended a reception in its honor in the State Suite of the Copley-Plaza, and later a formal banquet in the suite. Lynn and Beverly were visited by the party Saturday, June 12th. At Beberly, the plant of the United Shoe Machinery Company was inspected and luncheon served the Commissioners by the company. From the luncheon the Commissioners went for a tour along the North Shore and had dinner at the Corinthian Yacht Club at Marblehead, returning to Boston in time to attend the famous "Pop" concert at Symphony Hall. Sunday was a day of rest for the Commissioners, but in the evening they attended a dinner given

in their honor by the United Chinese Association of Boston at the Hankow Chinese restaurant, where Governor Walsh was present to bid the distinguished visitors farewell. At Boston E. T. Williams of the State Department left the party and returned to Washington. Mr. Williams was escorted to the train by President Chang and almost every member of the Commission. The special train, leaving Boston at 11:00 P. M., then moved to

#### **SPRINGFIELD**

This city was reached at 4:00 o'clock A. M. the morning of June 14th. The Commissioners remained aboard their special train until 9:30 o'clock, when a special committee representing the Springfield Board of Trade, headed by Mayor Frank E. Stacy, came aboard and greeted the Chinese Commissioners and their American escorts in the observation car. Automobiles took the party to Hotel Kimball, where breakfast was served. Following breakfast, the Municipal Group was visited. The party posed for the moving picture men and local photographers on the steps, and then entered the buildings. The auditorium was first inspected, and then the municipal offices. The Commissioners were then taken to the top of the Tower, from which a bird's-eye view of the city was obtained. Automobiles carried the party to the United States Armory, where Colonel W. S. Pierce and his staff conducted the party through the Government shops, by special permission from Washington. Luncheon was enjoyed as the guests of the Board of Trade at the Nayasset Club and visits later paid to the Technical High School, Hendee Motorcycle Plant, Strathmore Paper Company's Mills, and the Y. M. C. A. College, where several of the party went swimming in the big tank. At 11:30 o'clock the visitors were escorted to their special train, departing for

#### **SCHENECTADY**

Where the Commissioners were the guests of the General Electric Company. The special train was parked in the yards of the company's plant, the visitors disembarking at 9:30 o'clock the morning of June 15th. Welcomed by a reception committee of officials, the Commissioners were escorted to an adjoining building, where they were officially welcomed by President Rice of the company and Mayor Schoolcraft. Until 1:00 o'clock the huge plant of the company was inspected by the party, and luncheon served in the company's special dining room, after which the party divided into two groups—one continuing the inspection of the works, and the other going to the plant of the American Locomotive Company. Dinner was enjoyed at the Mohawk Country Club, where President Chang and the Commissioners planted a tree in the club grounds before entering the

dining room. Upon returning to the special train, each member of the party was presented with a beautifully engraved electric plate bearing the name of the owner. The special left at 11:59 P. M. for

#### **BUFFALO**

Here the party was welcomed by a special committee from the Chamber of Commerce and escorted to Hotel Iroquois, where breakfast was served. Immediately following the morning meal, automobiles carrying the flags of Canada, the United States and China, took the Commissioners for a flying trip through the principal residential districts, and then headed for Niagara Falls. The entire day was spent at the falls, with luncheon at the Clifton Hotel. During the day visits were paid to the plants of the Ontario Power Company, Ontario Transmission Company, and the Beaver Board Company. A portion of the trip around the falls was made on special cars of the Belt Line. In the evening the Commissioners attended an informal dinner to the Board of Trade of Hamilton, Ontario, by the Chamber of Commerce of Buffalo. A boat ride around the harbor, and visits to the Rogers-Brown plant and the Lackawanna Steel Company, occupied the morning of June 17th, and at noon the party attended a luncheon in their honor given by the Rotary Club at Hotel Statler. Here the party was joined by F. P. Lockhart, assistant to Mr. Williams of the State Department. The afternoon was spent in visits to various industrial plants and places of interest in and around the city. Dinner was tendered the party at the Country Club by the Chamber of Commerce. The Commissioners entrained for

#### **DETROIT**

At 11:50 P. M., reaching this city at 7:30 o'clock the morning of June 18th. The entire day was spent by the party as guests of the Ford Motor Car Company. Ford automobiles and a committee of officials of the company welcomed the arrival of the special train and escorted the party to the Detroit Athletic Club, where breakfast was served. Leaving the club, the party went direct to the Ford Plant, where the Commissioners were received by Henry Ford in person and introduced to various heads of departments. The entire morning was spent in the inspection of the factory and administration building, luncheon being served in the cafe in the latter building. Moving pictures, taken of the arrival of the party at the plant, were displayed following luncheon, with pictures of the new Ford tractor in operation, views of the plant and feats of The power plant was then inspected, and the party returned to the Detroit Athletic Club for dinner. From this city the special train proceeded to

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#### **CLEVELAND**

Which was reached at 4:00 A. M. the morning of June 19th. The arrival of the special train was welcomed by a special committee representing the Cleveland Chamber of Commerce and headed by Mayor Newton D. Baker. Automobiles conveyed the party to the Statler Hotel for breakfast, and the morning was spent in visits to the Cleveland steel and wool industrial plants. Part of the delegates motored to Warrensville and inspected the East-end Technical Schools and the Case University. In the afternoon an automobile tour of the city was enjoyed by the party, with tea at the Shaker Lakes Country Club. As guests of the officers and directors of the Chamber of Commerce, the party attended a dinner at the Country Club in the evening, after which they departed for

#### **CHICAGO**

This city was reached at 8:00 A. M. the morning of June 20th. A stop of thirty minutes was made, during which time Mr. Yandell's wife and two children joined the party, which next proceeded to

#### ST. PAUL

Here the day was spent by the Commissioners as the guests jointly of St. Paul and Minneapolis. Upon arrival, a special committee representing the St. Paul Association of Commerce greeted the party. In the morning the Commissioners were the guests of Governor Hammond on a trip through the Capital. From the Capital the party went to the University, along the boulevard system, and was there transferred to a waiting delegation from Minneapolis. An automobile tour of Minneapolis' park system, and lunch at the Minikahda Club, completed the Mill City program. At 3:00 o'clock the Commissioners inspected the Agricultural College, and then split up into two small parties, some visiting the American Hoist and Derrick Company's plant, the South St. Paul stockyards, and others the flour mills. Returning from the inspection of industrial plants, the party was tendered a formal dinner at the St. Paul Hotel, after which they were escorted to the special train, leaving at 11:59 for

#### **DULUTH**

Where a committee representing the Duluth Commercial Club, and headed by George D. McCarthy, welcomed the arrival of the special and escorted the Commissioners to waiting automobiles for a tour of the city. After visiting various scenic points in and around the city, the party went to the Duluth, Missabe & Northern Ore docks, and later to the plant of the Minnesota Steel Company. Returning to the city, the party was taken to the Commercial Club, where luncheon was served. Following luncheon, the

Commissioners bade farewell to E. C. Porter of the Department of Commerce, who returned to New York, and departed for

#### **SPOKANE**

Where a committee of twenty members of the Chamber of Commerce, headed by President James R. Ramage and W. S. Mc-Crea, welcomed the party. Automobiles conveyed the party to Hotel Davenport, where it was divided into groups. Some of the Commissioners were shown the orchards and fruit packing industry; others of the party viewed the wheat fields of the Palouse Belt, while others were shown the beauty spots of the city and nearby country. Many of the party had luncheon in the machines, while others were taken to the Country Club, after which they visited the Waikiki and Glen Tana dairy farms, returning to the city by way of Nine-Mile. At this city F. P. Henderson, a representative of the Department of Commerce, joined the party, as did Judge Burke, president of the Associated Chambers of Commerce of the Pacific Coast. In the evening the Commissioners and their American escorts were the guests of the Chamber of Commerce at one of the most elaborate banquets tendered them on the tour, in the Marie Antionette room of Hotel Davenport. Departure from Spokane was made at 10:00 o'clock P. M. for

#### **SEATTLE**

En route to this city the special train made three stops. The first was made at Eagle Gorge, where the camp of the Page Lumber Company was visited. Here the Commissioners were given their first opportunity to study logging and lumbering, and witnessed the cutting down of a huge tree containing 30,000 feet of lumber. The second stop was made at the plant of the Pacific Coast Condensed Milk Company at Kent. Here Governor Lister, Mayor Gill and the Seattle Chamber of Commerce reception committee welcomed the party and escorted the Commissioners, with officials of the company, through the plant. third stop was made at Renton, where the plant of the Seattle Car and Foundry Company was inspected. The special train reached Seattle at 4:00 o'clock P. M. June 25. Waiting automobiles decorated with the flags of the two Republics carried the party to Hotel Washington, their headquarters while in the city. In the evening the party attended a reception and banquet as guests of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce at Hotel Milwaukee. Automobiles the following morning carried the party to the sawmills of the Schwager & Nettleton Company, the Coleman creosoting plant, Fisher flouring mill and to the harbor, where the steamer Iroquois was boarded for a trip about the harbor. Luncheon was served at the hotel in a private dining-room, and later visits were paid to the plant of the Seattle Construction and Dry

Dock Company and to the Smith building, the second highest building in the United States. In the evening the Commissioners attended a formal banquet at the Hotel Washington.

Here the Commissioners took occasion to thank the Associated Chambers of Commerce of the Pacific Coast for making possible their tour and declared that it was to the executive ability of C. B. Yandell, executive secretary of the Seattle Chamber of Commerce, that the Commissioners owed the credit for their successful study of industrial and commercial conditions of the United States. The morning of the second day, June 27, was devoted to recuperation and in the afternoon the party was taken for an automobile trip through the residential districts, through the university campus and along the shore of Lake Washington canal. Later they attended a reception at the residence of Judge Thomas Burke and visited the home of Mr. Yandell. Dinner was had at the hotel and later automobiles took the party to the special train leaving for

#### **PORTLAND**

A Chinese band and a delegation from the Portland Chamber of Commerce and the Chinese Chamber of Commerce greeted the arrival of the special train and escorted the party to Hotel Multnomah. The American members of the party had breakfast at the hotel, while the Commissioners were the guests of the Chinese Chamber at the "Chinese restaurant." Breakfast over, the party took machines for the Ladd School and witnessed a fire Visits were also paid to a leading bank and department store. Luncheon was had in conjunction with the Members Council of the Portland Chamber of Commerce. In the afternoon automobiles took the guests to Oregon City, where the lumber mills and furniture manufacturing plants were inspected. Willamette Falls was viewed by the Commissioners and the paper mill inspected. The return trip was made by steamer. In the evening a formal banquet was tendered the guests at the Chamber of Commerce, after which the special began the last leg of its 11,000-mile journey to

#### SAN FRANCISCO

En route the party stopped at Medford, where a reception committee from the Medford Chamber of Commerce greeted the party anad escorted them to waiting automobiles for a drive to Ashland, where the train was waiting. A second stop was made at Shasta Springs. Here the Commissioners inspected the Springs and drank Shasta water. The special train reached San Francisco at 8 o'clock the morning of June 30. Automobiles conveyed the party to Hotel St. Francis, where the tour officially ended.

#### To the Associated Chambers of Commerce of the Pacific Coast.

Gentlemen:

Commercial organizations throughout the United States unanimously admit that the Associated Chambers of Commerce of the Pacific Coast has placed the mercantile and manufacturing interests of the entire country under a lasting obligation by its arrangement for and conduct of the Honorary Commercial Commissioners from the Republic of China, who visited twenty-six leading cities in America under this body's auspices last year. The tour has already returned many tangible results in the shape of trade stimulus, and San Francisco particularly has already reaped a very definite benefit in the shape of the organization of the China Mail Steamship Company, with one vessel already installed in the service and assurances of several others as soon as they can be acquired.

It is practically certain that, as a result of this tour, there will also shortly be organized a Chinese-American Bank, which will stimulate and facilitate trade between the two nations. The business men of every city in the United States in which the Commission was received evinced a keen interest in the opportunity thus presented, and it is no exaggeration to state that no commission of foreign business men visiting the United States was ever received with more genuine interest and hospitality than were the Honorary Commercial Commissioners from China.

It is undoubtedly true that the distinctive manner in which the Commissioners were handled by the Pacific Coast cities, comprising the Associated Chambers of Commerce, inculcated in the minds and hearts of our guests a lasting impression, which should go far towards stimulating not only a better understanding between the two nations, but lay the foundation for lasting trade alliances with Pacific Coast cities, which more than justify the effort and time required for their proper handling and entertainment. The Commissioners visited twentysix American cities, traversed a distance of 10,392 miles, were entertained at 42 banquets and luncheons, and made 243 factory and other inspections. The members of the party, with a few exceptions, were composed of representative bankers, merchants and manufacturers. They were a serious-minded body, bent upon acquainting themselves with opportunities for trade extension, and openly avowed their preference for American goods and American business methods. The notable characteristic of the Chinese nation—commercial integrity—is now more fully impressed upon the business men of America than ever as a result of the visit, and it is to be hoped that our own Government will shortly so amend its shipping laws as to make possible the availability of vessels with which to enter actively and aggressively into the Chinese trade.

In this connection it is a matter of common knowledge to the executive officers of all the Chambers affiliated with this body that the Seattle Chamber of Commerce bore the brunt of this movement, both in the matter of expense and time, and its officers assumed the responsibility for the constituent bodies of conducting the party throughout its extensive itinerary. Had the associated body done nothing during its existence other than arrange for the exchange of visits between Pacific Coast merchants and those of China and Japan, these efforts alone would have fully justified its organization.

Respectfully submitted,

C. B. YANDELL, Chairman Special Committee on Arrangements.

San Francisco, January 29, 1916.

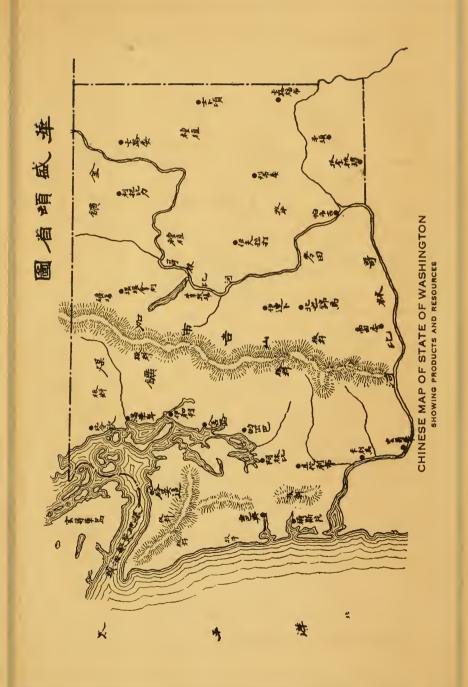
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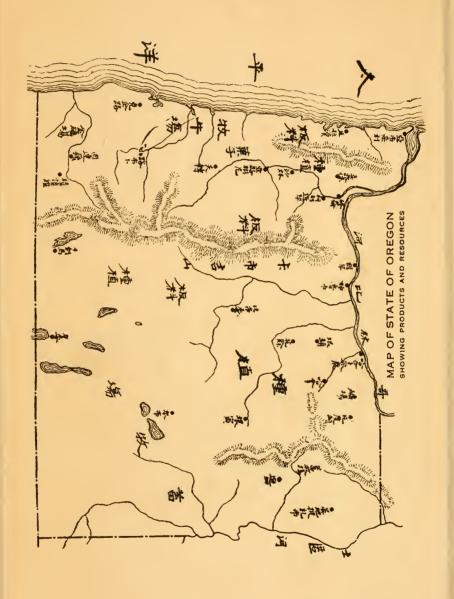
#### Gentlemen:

That the visit of the Chinese Commission to America was a great success is admitted by all. The large cities vied with each other in entertaining them until they reached New York, when the climax was reached. The arrangements and the order in which they were carried out was perfection itself. One of the big merchants told me no foreign party of merchants had ever received so hearty a reception as this party. As to the results commercially, I know of several large transactions that have been consummated, both in selling and especially in buying. A steamship line and a large banking enterprise are about to be established. Such visits produce a much greater friendship between the two nations, and in this particular visit this very desirable condition has been fostered and much increased, and, as to the future, we can confidently look forward to an increased friendship, which naturally enables us to increase our commerce to this country that is destined to show by far the greatest development of any part of the world, and if Congress would only permit our citizens to operate American ships between China and America we certainly would get our fair share of this tremendous increase. But, seeing that by an Act of Congress the entire control of the Pacific has been completely turned over to the Japanese, who are to be our most active competitors, the situation as far as Americans are concerned is discouraging in the extreme. This is especially to be regretted as the Chinese are most friendly to us and certainly treat us as the most favored nation, so if we don't get a big share of their business it will be on account of our own restrictive legislation, and not on account of the Chinese.

ROBERT DOLLAR.

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 29th, 1916.



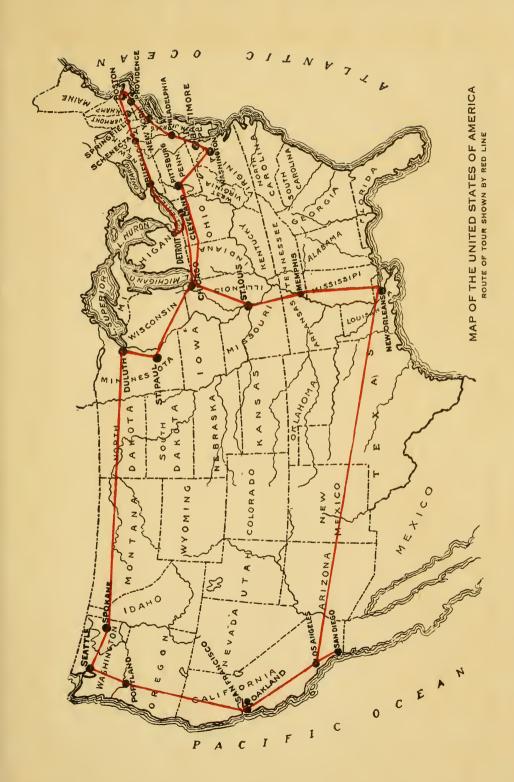




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Ar. San Francisco	66	5:30		44	9	So. Pac. Co.
Lv. San Francisco	Special	7:00	P. M.	66	9	So. Pac. Co.
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